Uniterrupted power supply to the Metro

†3162. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to fluctuation in the voltage and tripping of power, the Metro Trains had stopped plying for a while in Delhi on 3rd October, 2005;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any concrete steps to provide uniterrupted power supply to Metro;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (d) Electricity being a concurrent subejct, supply and distribution of electricity in a State to different categories of consumers is in the purview of the State Government/State Power Utility concerned.

As informed by Delhi Metro Rail Corporation, operation of Delhi Metro Rail had not stopped for some time on 03.10.2005 due to voltage fluctuation.

Safety of the Tehri Dam

†3163. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state;

(a) to what extent Tehri Dam is safe keeping in view the earthquakes experienced earlier in Tehri area;

(b) whether it is a fact that specialists have opined that in the event of any crack the dam might get emptied in toto within minutes;

(c) if so, the precautionary measures taken by Government to deal with such a situation; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

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THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) The Government had considered in depth the seismic safety of Tehri Dam and the detailed seismology studies carried out by the Geological Survey of India, Department of Earthquake Engineering of the Roorkee University and the Russian experts who were assisted by the National Geo-physical Research Institute and Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology for determining the safe height of Tehri Dam, before according approval to the implementation of the Tehri Dam and Hydroelectric Power project (1000 MW) in March, 1994.

In view of the continuing concern relating to seismic safety of Tehri Dam, a Group of Experts was constituted in June 1996 to further examine the issue of seismic safety of Tehri Dam. This Group in its report concluded that the design of the dam was safe to withstand the Maximum Credible Earthquake for the region/in its vicinity.

(b) Tehri Dam is an earth and rock fill dam with defensive measures such as wide filters, sufficiently large free board etc. Even if there is a crack in the dam, it will eventually get sealed on its own due to inherent mechanism of these types of dams.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of reply to (a) & (b) above.

Details of undertakings engaged in generation and transmission of power in Cental Sector along with their profit after tax 2004-05

Institutions in Power Sector

†3164. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that different institutions are engaged at different levels in power industry;

(b) if so, the number of institutions working at different levels right from production of power to its distribution to the consumers in this industry;

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